

Senate Resolution 676

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the First Baptist Church of Snellville on its 125th Anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as a nation united under God, the religious institutions in our country have
4 performed a historical role in setting standards for moral values, charity to those less
5 fortunate, and worship of God; and

6 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Snellville, Georgia, was formally organized on
7 August 12, 1882, with seven loving charter members whose purpose was to preach the
8 Gospel of the Son of God and to uplift humanity; and

9 WHEREAS, the church was originally named the Darien Church, in 1883 it was renamed the
10 Snellville Baptist Church, and in 1975 the church was renamed the First Baptist Church of
11 Snellville; and

12 WHEREAS, since John and Andrew J. Harris donated the approximately three acres for the
13 original church site in 1883, the First Baptist Church of Snellville has had a history of growth
14 and expansion and now has approximately 8,000 members; and

15 WHEREAS, the strong spiritual and devoted leaders of the church including its 21 pastors
16 have led the faithful and hard working congregation through a tremendous history of
17 expansion and service to the community and this ministry continues to grow as the church
18 celebrated the ground-breaking for its new Children's Ministry on March 25, 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, the church has had a positive impact not only on its community, but on the
20 world, providing support for local, state, national, and international missions; and

21 WHEREAS, the devoted congregation of this church has established an unparalleled record
22 of constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service, and the church now offers a broad

1 range of religious programs for people of all ages while continuing to serve as a beacon of
2 light and a ray of spiritual hope; and

3 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Snellville has been an influential and guiding force
4 in the City of Snellville for the past 125 years and has greatly contributed to the moral
5 development and growth of Gwinnett County and Snellville.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 join on this the occasion of the church's 125th Anniversary to commend the faithful members
8 of the First Baptist Church of Snellville, express their appreciation for the church's
9 outstanding Christian history of community service, and convey their sincere best wishes for
10 continued growth and success.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the First Baptist Church of Snellville.